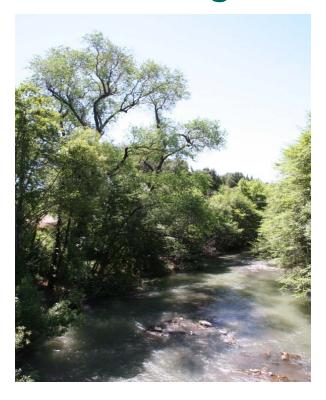
# Russian River Biological Opinion Flow Changes



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### Biological Opinion Requirements

- The Water Agency must pursue permanent changes to D1610 minimum flow requirements.
- Beginning in 2010, the Water Agency must pursue interim relief from D1610 minimum flows.





### Progress to Date

- Filed Water Rights
   Petition in 2009
- Filed Temporary
   Change Petition in 2010
  - Received & Implemented Order Summer 2010

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

ORDER WR 2010-0018-DWR

IN THE MATTER OF PERMITS 12947A, 12949, 12950, AND 16596 (APPLICATIONS 12919A, 15736, 15737, 19361)

SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

SOURCES: Dry Creek and Russian River

COUNTIES: Sonoma and Mendocino Counties

### ORDER APPROVING TEMPORARY URGENCY CHANGE

BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR WATER RIGHTS:

### 1.0 SUBSTANCE OF PETITION

On April 6, 2010, the Sonoma County Water Agancy (SCWA) filled a position with the Stute Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) requesting approval of a Temporary Digency Change to the subject berm to pursuant to Colifornia Water Code section 1435. The position requests the following temporary modifications to the Russian River in-stream flow requirements as mandated by the Russian River in-stream flow requirements as mandated by the Russian River Biological Option (Section Individual Control of Contr

- (1) From May 1 through October 15, 2010, in-streem flow requirements for the upper Russian Rivol (from its goodhyende with the East Folk of the Russian River to its confluence with 12 y Creek) be reduced from 165 author (et per second (cfs) to 125 ofs; and
- (2) From May 1 through October 15, 2010 in-stream flow requirements for the lower Russian River (downstream of its confluence with Dry Creek) be reduced from 125 ofs to 73 ofs, with the understanding that SCWA will typically maintain approximately 85 ofs at the Hacienda gage as pradicipally feasible.

No changes to the in-stream flow requirements for Dry Creek are requested. The petition is made to consult with mandates in the Solingtoni Opinion that was issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on September 24, 2008.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND

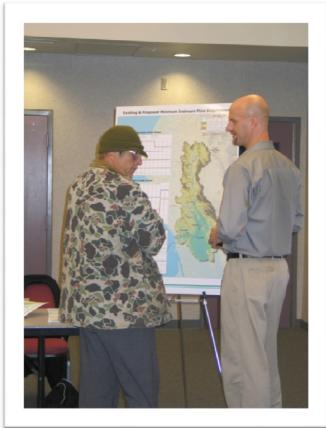
SCWA's pelition involves the following commits

 Permit 1294/A is for year-round direct diversion of 92 cub offeet per second (cfs) from the Russian River and storage of 122 500 spre-feet per annum (afs) in take Mendocino.



## Progress to Date (continued)

- Notice of Preparation of EIR for Fish Habitat Flows and Water Rights Project
  - Released NOP September 2010
  - Three scoping open houses
  - About 40 people submitted comments



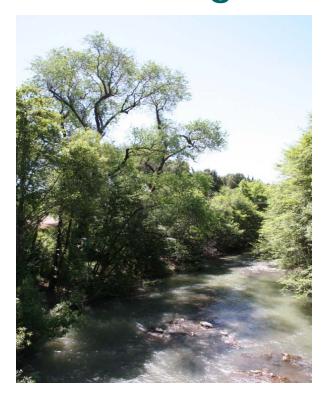


### Next Steps

- Organize/Consider Comments
- Provide Summary of Comments to Board
- Prepare Draft EIR
  - Complete Necessary Studies
  - Perform Impact Analysis
- Release Draft EIR Summer 2012 (Year 4)



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